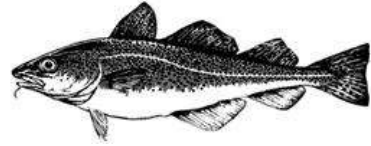


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**Closure of the South Alaska Peninsula Area Parallel Pacific Cod Jig Gear Season and  
Opening of the State-Waters Pacific Cod Jig Gear Season**

**Emergency Order 4-GF-08-18**

By regulation, if the Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) federal/parallel A season for jig gear has not closed by March 15, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) may close the parallel (0–3 nmi) WGOA jig gear season in the South Alaska Peninsula Area and open the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters jig gear season to facilitate harvest of the state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL). Through March 11, 2018, approximately 74 percent of the federal/parallel WGOA A-season jig gear allocation remains unharvested. Therefore, the South Alaska Peninsula Area parallel Pacific cod jig gear season will close and the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will immediately open at noon March 15, 2018, unless delayed by weather as specified in 5 AAC 28.577(l). If delayed by weather, the parallel fishery will remain open until the state-waters fishery opens as specified in 5 AAC 28.577(l).

While the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters (0–3 nmi) jig gear season and the federal (3–200 nmi) WGOA jig gear seasons are open concurrently:

- A vessel may not participate in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters jig gear season and the WGOA federal jig gear season at the same time.
- A vessel's registration for the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters season must be invalidated before that vessel may participate in any other Pacific cod season.
- All Pacific cod must be delivered before a vessel may validate or invalidate a state-waters vessel registration.

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- A state-waters vessel registration may be validated or invalidated by contacting ADF&G in Kodiak during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday).

Vessels participating in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season may not exceed 58 feet in overall length. Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for jig gear from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and an exclusive area vessel registration from ADF&G prior to participating in the state-waters season.

For additional information on federal Pacific cod jig gear fisheries, contact the National Marine Fisheries Service in Juneau at (907) 586-7202. For additional information on state-waters Pacific cod jig gear fisheries, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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